

Low Water Messages

RESPONSE TO LOW WATER CONDITIONS

After reviewing rainfall and baseflow reports generated by the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA), the Central Lake Ontario Water Response Team will pursue one of the following responses.

Ontario Low Water Response Program



Normal

No low water conditions expected.

CLOCWRT Low Water Messages



Level 1

When CLOCA identifies low water conditions (Level 1), the information will be communicated to the Water Response Team (WRT) and the MNR. Each WRT member is responsible for communicating water conservation messages within their sector. The message will consist of a media release, which will focus on current watershed conditions and promote a 10% water use reduction.



Level 2

When a watershed moves from Level 1 to Level 2 conditions, CLOCA will notify members of the WRT and the MNR. Each WRT member is responsible for communicating water conservation messages within their sector with the target of a further 10% water use reduction. Municipalities may consider restrictions on non-essential use as appropriate. The provincial agencies on the WRT will contact the Ontario Water Directors' Committee Low Water Committee Coordinator. The Coordinator will activate the Low Water Committee to reinforce cross-ministry program support. The Coordinator will also notify the Provincial Emergency Response Coordinator and request regular briefings with Emergency Measures Ontario.



Level 3

When a watershed moves from Level 2 to Level 3 conditions, CLOCA will notify members of the WRT and the MNR. The OWDC Low Water Committee is responsible for declaring a Level 3 Condition. At the level 3 condition water restrictions may be necessary, and will be implemented through the appropriate government agency. Please refer to the provincial Ontario Low Water Response document for details of potential government response.